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TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR.

FOR: LIMITED DISSEM LA/SA INFO LA [] LA [] CIC/LA

SLUGS: WNINTEL IHSOMBRERO

SUBJECT: IHSOMBRERO RESPONSE TO THE JFK ASSASSINATION REVIEW BOARD QUESTIONS

REF: NONE

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FYI ONLY.

2. ON 6 MAY 1998, IHSOMBRERO PROVIDED [] WITH A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE 10 QUESTIONS POSED BY THE JFK ASSASSINATION REVIEW BOARD (ARRB) REGARDING TELTAP TRANSCRIPTS OF CALLS MADE BY<LEE HARVEY> *<OSWALD> TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY. THIS REQUIREMENT WAS TRANSMITTED TO [] VIA E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM LA/SA.

3. AS THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES FROM IHSOMBRERO ARE INCOMPLETE, WE ASKED THEM FOR REPSONSES TO THOSE QUESTIONS THEY DID NOT FULLY ANSWER. WE ARE NOT CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL GET ANY FULLER RESPONSES SOON, OR AT ALL. FYI, WE MADE NUMEROUS REQUESTS OVER THE PERIOD OF SEVERAL WEEKS FOR THIS INFORMATION. THE [] REQUESTED THE INFO DIRECTLY FROM IHSOMBRERO/6310 WHO THEN PASSED THE REQUIREMENT TO IHSOMBRERO/7154. C/EXT GEORGE R. CRIALEX THEN REMINDED S/7154 REPEATEDLY OF OUR INTEREST IN THE RESPONSES TO THESE QUESTIONS. WE DO NOT THINK THAT IHSOMBRERO DELIBERATELY STONEWALLED US ON THIS. MORE LIKELY WE BELIEVE THAT THEY CONSIDER THIS MATTER TO BE A LOW PRIORITY FOR THEIR SERVICE.

A. CAN WE HAVE THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS? ACCORDING TO IHSOMBRERO, THERE ARE DOCUMENTS AND TWO INFORMATION CARDS CONCERNING THE DEBRIEFING OF MEXICAN NATIONAL SILVIA ((DURAN)). ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS CONCERNS AN AMERICAN BY THE NAME OF VINCENT THEODORE ((LEE)), AND THE OTHER ONE CONCERNS NICARAGUAN CITIZEN GILBERTO ((ALVARO)) UGARTE ALSO KNOWN AS ALBERTO ((SANCHEZ)) WHO SUPPOSEDLY *MET WITH<LEE HARVEY OSWALD.> AT THE SAME TIME THERE WAS A NOTE ON THE VISIT OF OSWALD TO MEXICO CITY. (IHSOMBRERO DID NOT REPLY AS TO

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WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN HAVE THE DOCUMENTS. WHEN ASKED, WE WERE TOLD THAT THEY WILL CHECK AND GET BACK TO US.)

B. DOES THE DATE AND LOCATION APPEAR ON THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS? IS THERE ANY INDICATION AS TO WHEN AND WHERE THEY WERE ADDED? IHSOMBRERO PROVIDED NO ANSWER RE THE DATE AND LOCATION OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. IHSOMBRERO REPLIED THAT THERE ARE DATES AND THAT THEY KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE FILES. THE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY THE [REDACTED]

C. IS THERE A SPANISH VERSION OF THE TRANSCRIPT AND IF SO CAN WE HAVE ONE IF IT EXISTS? IHSOMBRERO RESPONDED THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE TRANSCRIPT ON SILVIA DURAN. THEY ARE STILL DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN HAVE A COPY.

D. WHERE WERE THE TWO TRANSCRIPTS FOUND? WHO FOUND THEM? THERE WAS NO ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION AND WE ASKED AGAIN FOR A RESPONSE.

E. WHAT ELSE IS IN THE FILE OR BOX WHERE THESE TWO TRANSCRIPTS WERE FOUND? THERE WAS NO ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION AND WE ASKED AGAIN FOR A RESPONSE.

F. ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL FILES ON THE ASSASSINATION OR POST-ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION STILL IN EXISTENCE? YES, THE DEBRIEFING OF SILVIA DURAN.

G. WERE ANY FILES ON THE ASSASSINATION OR POST-ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION DESTROYED UNDER A ROUTINE RECORD DESTRUCTION SCHEDULE? IHSOMBRERO DOES NOT KNOW IF ANY FILES ON THE ASSASSINATION OR POST-ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION WERE DESTROYED UNDER A ROUTINE RECORD DESTRUCTION SCHEDULE.

H. ARE THERE ANY TAP TAPE RECORDINGS FROM THE ERA 1960-63 STILL IN EXISTENCE? THERE ARE NO TAP TAPE RECORDINGS FROM THE ERA 1960-63 IN EXISTENCE.

I. ARE THERE ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE TAP, THE SILVIA DURAN INTERROGATION, AND/OR ANY POST-ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION WHO COULD BE INTERVIEWED BY THE ARRB? FERNANDO ((GUTIERREZ)) BARRIOS AND LICENCIADOS FERNANDO ((ORTIZ)) DE LA PENA AND CARLOS ((DURAN)) LANZ DEBRIEFED SILVIA DURAN. IHSOMBRERO DID NOT SAY IF THESE INDIVIDUALS COULD BE INTERVIEWED BY THE ARRB. WE ASKED AGAIN AND ARE AWAITING A RESPONSE.

J. ARE THERE ANY PERSONS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE FILING SYSTEM AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT BOTH IN 1963 AND TO THE PRESENT WHO COULD BE INTERVIEWED BY THE ARRB AND MIGHT HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISPOSITION OF ANY TAP INFORMATION, ANY SILVIA DURAN INTERROGATION RECORDS, AND/OR ANY ASSASSINATION OR POST-ASSASSINATION RECORDS IN THE ARCHIVES? THERE IS NOBODY THAT HAS KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE 1963 FILING SYSTEM AND/OR RECORDS MANAGEMENT AT THE PRESENT WHO COULD BE INTERVIEWED BY ARRB AND WHO COULD HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF ANY TAP INFORMATION, ANY SILVIA DURAN INTERROGATION RECORDS, AND/OR ANY ASSASSINATION OR POST-ASSASSINATION RECORDS IN THE ARCHIVES.

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